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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT: TALENT Briefings Presented During Course of [redacted]
Trip, 20-30 October 1959

1. With no intention to be comprehensive in view of the cables already received [redacted] and our discussions on Monday, 2 November, this memorandum would list some specifics for the record.

2. A total of six briefings was presented [redacted] on the following schedule:

a. 22 October - Crick Committee plus invitees totaling some 85 people (See Encl. A for names). Briefing was held in [redacted] and lasted one and a half hours. Highlights of 4125 and past efforts were projected on a screen and described. Briefing was presented in the name of the DCI, DD/I and [redacted] as a progress report on our TALENT efforts to date.

b. 22 October - Joint Intelligence Committee plus invitees totaling some 25 people (See Encl. B for names). Briefing was held in [redacted] and lasted one and a half hours. Highlights of 4125 and past efforts were displayed from an easel and described. Following the briefing there was a question period which centered largely on technical details of substantive photographic intelligence.

c. 23 October - [redacted] and other invitees totaling some 25 people. (See Encl. C for Titles and Names). Briefing was held in [redacted] and lasted one and a half hours. Highlights of 4125 and past efforts were displayed from an easel and described. Following the briefing there was a question period, sampling of which was noted in the cable [redacted] on 23 October. Questioning here was getting sharper, more penetrating and perhaps political as such subjects as Heavy bombers vs missiles, new Soviet airfield construction, BW-CW, and related trends were introduced.

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4. Finally, it is reported that the support provided for the U.S. visiting team [Redacted] was outstanding. [Redacted]

[Redacted] were extremely helpful and considerate, and [Redacted] under their direction handled the myriads of administrative, protocol and logistical details with great speed and precision and left no ends dangling. This performance was most impressive.

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5. The total net value of the trip can be assessed by our seniors only in light of subsequent events and composite gains [Redacted] and collective intelligence production. From a personal viewpoint it would appear that the U.S. team might have attained the initial objective.

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Enclosures:

- A. List of Nominees for Briefing
- B. Seating Plan (22 Oct)
- C. Seating Plan (23 Oct)

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